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Re: May 14, 2015 Letter to the Carlisle Board of Selectmen Regarding 100 Longridge Road 40B

Dear Mr Worrall,

I am an abutter to the pending 40B development on 100 Longridge Road in Carlisle MA.

I appreciate the DEP's response to the town with respect to the question of public vs private water supply. However I am not at all satisfied with the role the state has played in the process, whose ZBA public hearings are soon ending after almost one year.

Currently the project is configured to utilize all possible land for structures, roadways and septs. To fit it all in the space, private wells are planned. A change to a public water system would alter the projects layout and size; The question is fundamental to the development.

Yet this topic was barely discussed at the public hearings because the DEP did not make a determination, lacking information from the developer. It seems apparent to me that the developer has an extraordinary degree of confidence in the outcome of this question, while at the same time, the public was denied the opportunity to participate one way or another in this important topic.

Not only is this modest neighborhood the home of my family for 23 years; it is also my primary investment. I am deeply concerned that this extremely undemocratic process is going to yield a project which will destroy my property values and therefore my family's financial health by damaging the environment.

It is evident to me that the public hearing process has been hindered, and that without an abundance of oversight and public input, the developer has the means to dictate what transpires by selecting what information is provided and when.

Silence is characteristic of this process. At one of the first ZBA meetings, I asked, "if there is a problem with my water supply, who do I call to fix it?" There was no response.

The dynamic of this process emboldens the developer to extreme profit seeking measures, hinders public input, and in general does not serve the public well.

Sincerely
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